

## **POLICE PILOT**

### *Class Definition*

Under the direction of the Chief Police Pilot, operates a helicopter during law enforcement aerial patrols and provides flight instruction to police observers.

### *Distinguishing Characteristics*

Police Pilot is a non-sworn position assigned to the Aviation Unit in the Police Department. The incumbent operates a police helicopter under F.A.R. part 91 law enforcement aerial patrols and instructs police officers as pilots under the direction of the Chief Police Pilot. The incumbent will be required to work variable hours as necessary to include nights, weekends and holidays.

### *Typical Tasks*

(This list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Pilots a police helicopter in patrolling the city; responds to calls for protection of life and property, and the enforcement of city, county and state laws; may conduct both preliminary and follow-up investigations of aircraft accidents.

Instruct police officers as pilots and in the use of equipment associated with law enforcement aerial patrols.

Establishes liaisons with other law enforcement agencies in matters relating to the investigation or surveillance of crimes and suspects and the apprehension of offenders.

Inspects helicopter and associated equipment to ensure safe operations and to determine needed repairs and maintenance of aircraft before and after a flight.

Performs other related duties as required.

### *Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities*

Knowledge of the unique capabilities, mechanical features, and maintenance requirements of a piston driven Enstrom helicopter, specifically as they relate to police missions.

Knowledge of federal aviation regulations, specifically as they pertain to part 91 operations.

Knowledge of law enforcement aerial patrol procedures, surveillance techniques, tactics and procedures unique to municipal police departments.

Ability to train observers in the use of equipment associated with law enforcement aerial patrols.

Ability to train police officers to become certified pilots by the Federal Aviation Administration and to perform emergency aircraft landings.

Ability to recognize potential mechanical hazards and failures occurring to the Enstrom helicopter.

Ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in written form.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

*Minimum Qualifications*

Five years of experience as a helicopter pilot in a civilian operation as regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration; one year of experience as a pilot in a municipal law enforcement aviation unit; 1500 hours of logged rotorcraft pilot time, including 500 hours in piston driven Enstrom; and experience in assisting with maintenance of aircraft.

*Special Requirements*

Possession of a commercial rotorcraft pilot rating as issued by the Federal Aviation Administration at time of appointment.

Possession of a certified flight instructor rating in rotorcraft helicopters as issued by the Federal Aviation Administration at time of appointment.

Possession of a valid Class 2 medical certificate as issued by the Federal Aviation Administration at time of appointment.

Possession of valid California Driver's License may be required at time of appointment.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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